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SUBJECT: GUINEAN PROPOSAL TO SEND PRIME MINISTER TO WASHINGTON

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- 1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S RAPID AND CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE.
- 2. AMBASSADOR MADE REPLY TO PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI JUNE 15 EXACTLY AS SET FORTH REFTEL.
- 3. BEAVOGUI MET IMMEDIATELY WITH PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE. HE LATER SAID GOG APPRECIATED INHERENT LIMITATIONS OF SHORT-NOTICE VISIT (REFTEL) BUT HE INTENDED TO DEPART EARLY WEEK OF JUNE 20 ON BASIS U.S. WILLINGNESS TO RE-CEIVE DELEGATION. HE PROMISED INFORM US ASAP (PSJHAPS LATER TODAY) OF SPECIFIC DATES. OAU SUMMIT POSED NO SCHEDULING CONFLICT BECAUSE PRESIDENT TOURE HAD GIVEN IRECEDENCE TO U.S. RELATIONS; BEAVOGUI THEREFORE NO LONGER PLANNED TO ATTEND SUMMIT PERSONALLY SINCE THIS MIGHT INTERFERE WITH U.S. TRIP. BEAVOGUI WILL BEAR MESSAGE

FROM SEKOU TOURE TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND INDICATED READI-CONFIDENTIAL

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NESS TO TAILOR HIS LENGTH OF STAY TO AVAILABILITY AND DESIRES OF U.S.OFFICIALS. BEAVOGUI'S DIRECTOR OF CABINET SUBSEQUENTLY YUID THAT PM WISHED IF POSSIBLE TO MAKE COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT CARTER TO DELIVER LETTER. HE ALSO HOPED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WOULD SEE HIM IN VIEW LATTER'S AFRICAN RESPONSIBILITIES AND; DESPITE THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES, SECRETARY VANCE AND ASSISTANT

SECRETARY-DESIGNATE MOOSE. AMBASSADOR REITERATED THAT ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE WOULD BE VISIT'S FOCAL POINT IN VIEW OF CHANGE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARIES. AMBASS-DOR ALSO REPEATED THAT CWRLS AT HIGHER LEVELS COULD NOT BE SOUGHT UNTIL DEFINITE DATES SET, AND THAT SENIOR APPOINTMENTS WOULD BE DIFFICULT ON SHORT NOTICE, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD DO OUR BEST.

4. COMMENT:XOEAVOGUI'S INSISTENCE ON EARLY VISIT
PROBABLY REFLECTS SEKOU TOURE'S SENSE THAT TO DEVELOP
POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS MORE IMPERATIVE THAN EVER OWING TO HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS, THE
U.S. STEEL INVESTMENT POSSIBILITY, AND GUINEA'S FOOD AND
AID INTERESTS. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION, ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR
OF CABINET, ARE GUINEA'S VIEWS ON AFRICAN PROBLEMS, BILATERAL
RELATIONS INCLUDING GUINEA'S DESIRE TO ATTRACT U.S. INVESTMENT, AND NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. HOPE TO GET MORE
PRECISE GOG AGENDA SUGGESTIONS SHORTLY. PRIME MINISTER IS
THOROUGHLY AWARE OF US CONCERN REGARDING SOVIET FLIGHTS;
EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT EACH US OFFICIAL WHOM PM SEES MAKE A
POINT OF ALLUDING TO THIS PROBLEM AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO CLOSER
BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING.

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